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Sub: Inauguration of Student Enablement Program - PayPal and ICT Academy Collaborate to Train 2,500 Higher Education Students on Advanced IT Skills - To Establish 25 Centers of Excellence in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Telangana - reg

PayPal in association with ICT Academy, has launched **Student Enablement Program** to train students of higher education institutions on advanced IT skills. The program will benefit 2,500 students in engineering, arts and science institutions in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Telangana. As a part of this initiative, PayPal to establish 25 centers of excellence on women empowerment and youth empowerment in higher education institutions through which the training will be imparted to the students. The inauguration of the program was held on 19th December, 2022 in Sri Sairam College of Engineering, Anekal, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

The Students Enablement Program Launch was inaugurated with Lamp lighting followed by **Prof. Sivaprakash C, Prof & Head (AIML) & SCE ICT Academy Coordinator** welcomed the dignitaries to the launch program and briefed about the salient features of the program.

The presidential address was delivered by Our beloved Principal **Dr. B Shadaksharappa, Principal Sri Sairam College of Engineering, Anekal** and addressed about the importance of Skilling ourself for tomorrow's world. He thanked ICT Academy for their continuously strives to develop a sustainable skill ecosystem right from the bottom of the pyramid. ICT Academy does it by collaborating with corporate, government and academia. The collaboration with PayPal is a step forward to serve the deserving people of the society.

Dr. R Arun Kumar, Management Representative, Sri Sairam College of Engineering, Anekal addressed about to inculcate the technology trends for the better tomorrow and made them to understand the need for the industry readiness.

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Also, this program will enable needy students to get skilled in technologies of the fourth industrial revolutionbeing adopted by industries worldwide.

The Chief Guest **Sri. Subbu Raghunathan, Senior Director – Consumer Engineering & Site Lead for Bengaluru PayPal** inaugurated the Student Enablement Program and delivered the inaugural address. In his address he said, the student learning pathway in the program ranges from personal mentoring in select technologies, proficiency assessment and certification to facilitating campus selection and placements. PayPal leaders will also participate as volunteers to deliver guest lectures and providementoring support.

Speaking about this partnership, **Sri Suresh Babu L, Associative Vice President, ICT Academy** said, "Technology has become part of every business. As the technologies evolve faster, developing the skills of the people will be the key to employment and economic development of the nation". ICT Academy was started to meet the skill requirements of the industry and generate more employment especially in tier 2 and 3 towns, the rural parts of the country. Through its various initiatives, ICT Academy has been part of strengthening the India's four important visions on Skill India, Digital India, Startup India and Make in India.

The program was concluded with Vote of thanks by Prof. Valarmathi. C, Asst Professor, SCE Anekal.

As a part of this program, a dedicated Lab for this program also be inaugurated by the chief guest and inaugurated the session.

Salient Features of the Program:

This program includes 140 hours of training on IT and professional skills, training 100 faculty members on the advanced technologies and assigning the role of mentors, assessment for trained students, certification, placement facilitation for certified students, and otheractivities for the students to enhance their skills.

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